



Transportation Information for New Secondary Students – 2017/18

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Dear families of new Secondary Students:

Student Transportation Services of Central Ontario (STSCO) oversees transportation for students attending schools within the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic DSB, the Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB, and Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud.

The following information details transportation eligibility distances, policies and related, important procedures. It is provided to assist you in making decisions regarding school attendance for next year. Please also note that our website can be found at www.stsco.ca and it serves as the primary means for students, parents and families to gather transportation related information and to communicate with STSCO.

Some Important Secondary School Transportation Service Facts:

Transportation eligibility is determined by distance from nearest property access point of the student's home residence to the nearest property access point (not the school building) of their designated school of attendance as measured by STSCO staff along maintained streets and walkways. **The policy walk distance for Secondary students is 3.2 km (3,200 m).** Students residing outside this distance are eligible for School Board supplied transportation. Families of students within this distance are responsible for getting their child(ren) to school.

Transportation is a shared responsibility. The combined efforts of students, parents and families, bus drivers and companies, school staff and STSCO ensure a safe, effective and enjoyable system which provides for the needs of all eligible students.

Parent/Family Responsibility: Where a student is eligible for transportation, families are responsible for the safe passage of their child(ren) from their home or caregiver location to the bus stop in the morning and back again in the afternoon. In some areas, bus routes may be shared by students from more than one school and between elementary and secondary. Students are expected to behave appropriately on all bus rides

Bus Company Responsibility: Companies are responsible for ensuring that students have a safe ride to and from school.

School Responsibility: Schools are responsible for student behaviour while students are riding on buses.

STSCO Responsibility: STSCO is responsible for ensuring that bus stop locations are reasonable with the bus being adequately visible to vehicular traffic in the area and students being able to wait and disembark at a reasonable location adjacent to their bus stop. Measurement of eligibility distance is the responsibility of STSCO staff and they are measured via publicly maintained road and/or walkway.

Stop locations are generally centralized to serve several nearby families. The distance guideline for Secondary student walk to bus stop is 1.6 km (1,600 m) and stops are reviewed annually as part of STSCO's route planning. Of course, not all families need to make their way to bus stops set 1.6 km away and most stops are at a closer distance. 1.5 hours, one-way ride time (i.e. the morning ride or the afternoon ride) is the guideline for maximum length of bus ride. In some cases ride times can exceed this guideline for secondary school and special program students due to the regional nature of their program of choice

Should you have any questions regarding our services, please contact the STSCO office, at either (705) 748-5500 or 1-800-757-0307, and speak with a Route Planning Specialist. We at STSCO wish each and every new Intermediate student all the best in the coming year.

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